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SAN SALVADOR FROM MANAGUA DTD 19 FEB 76 QUOTE

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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR THEBERGE

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.) CS, NU

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT

REF: SECTO 4045

1. DURING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT SOMOZA THIS MORNING (FEBRUARY 19), HE CONFIRMED THAT HE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE GOING TO SAN JOSE AT ALL TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY. HE HAD RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL A FEW MINUTES EARLIER FROM ODUBER AND WAS TOLD THAT THE PRESIDENTS MEETING HAD BEEN CANCELED AND REPLACED BY A FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING. SOMOZA INFORMED ODUBER THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES HIS PLANNED VISIT TO SAN JOSE NOW WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE.

2. SOMOZA SAID THAT WE SHOULD KNOW THAT ODUBER BLAMED THE
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UNITED STATES FOR THE CANCELLATION OF THE PRESIDENTS MEETING

DUE TO WHAT ODUBER TERMED THE PREMATURE US ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MEETING. HE ADDED THAT HE WAS AWARE THAT THE COSTA RICANS HAD BEEN GIVEN ADEQUATE TIME TO EXTEND INVITATIONS TO ALL OF THE PRESIDENTS PRIOR TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT. SOMOZA FELT THAT ODUBER'S EFFORT TO PLACE THE BLAME ON THE UNITED STATES WAS, AS HE PUT IT, "BLODDY UNFAIR".

3. AS REPORTED EARLIER, NICARAGUAN FOREIGN MINISTER MONTIEL WILL ATTEND MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY.
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